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SUBJECT: AUGUST 13-15 SECURITY DETENTIONS

- 1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SAG DETAINED AT LEAST FIFTY PROMINENT BLACKS THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA ON AUGUST 13. HEAD OF SPECIAL POLICE GENERAL MIKE GELDENHUYS TOLD PRESS THAT EXACT NUMBER OF DETAINEES COULD NOT BE GIVEN FOR SECURIRITY REASONS.
- 2. WEEKEND PRESS REPORTED THAT JOHANNESBURG-PRETORIA DETAINEES INCLUDE MRS. WINNIE MANDELA AND DR NTHATO MOTLANA OF SOWETO'S BLACK PARENTS ASSOCIATION, FATHER SMANGALISO MAKHATSHWA, A PRETORIA ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST, MR SAMSON NDOU, FORMER DETAINEE ACQUITTED UNDER SECURITY CHARGES, AND MR DAN MAKWENA, FORMERLY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONGERNCE. UNCLASSIFIED

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MR NXOLISI MVOVO, VP OF THE BLACK PEOPLES'
CONVENTION, DR MAMPHELE RAMPHELE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY
PROJECT, MR MALUSI MPUMLWANA, ALSO OF BPC, AND MR SILUMKO SOKUPA, PERMANENT ORGANIZER OF SASO.

- 3. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 16 PRESS, DETAINED BPA MEMBERS, MRS WINNIE MANDELA AND DR HARRISON MOTLANA, OBTAINED COURT ORDER ON AUGUST 15 RESTRAINING MR LUCAS SHABANGU OF SOWETO'S URBAN BANTU COUNCIL FROM ATTACKING MRS MANDELA, DR MOTLANA, THEIR CHILDREN, AND PROPERTY. WITNESSES TOLD JUDGE THAT SHABANGU THREATENED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION DURING AN AUGUST 8 MEETING OF THE URBAN BANTU COUNCIL AT THE HOME OF UBC CHAIRMAN MR T J MAKHAYA.
- 4. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 16 PRESS, SECURITY POLICE DETAINED MR PETER GELDENBLOEM, FINAL YEAR DIVINITY STUDENT OF THE COLORED NEDERDUITSE GEEFORMEERDE SENDINGKERK ON AUGUST 15, MINUTES BEFORE HE WAS TO DELIVER HIS TEST SERMON BEFORE AN AWAITING BELLVILLE SOUTH CONGREGATION. GELDENBLOEM, REPORTEDLY A STUDENT ACTIVIST, WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE'S STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL. BOWDLER

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